

Wastewater Operator Certification Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

May 7, 2002

Attendees included: Frank Boyle, Todd Carlson, Tammie McClure, Doug Miller, Jill Parker, Tim Pelton, Don Proctor, John Schoening

Welcome & Introductions

Welcomed:

Todd Carlson-Group IV-Pierce County Utilities; and
Doug Miller-Group III-Klickitat County PUD

Review Agenda

Added agenda item: Request for exam to be read for them.

Committee Membership

The members list and meeting summaries are now posted on the Operator Certification Website.

Reminder that Tim Pelton and Jill Parker's terms on the Advisory Committee will end December 31, 2002.

Professional Growth

Report: 291 operators have currently met their professional growth requirement.

Committee discussed requiring operators to achieve, at least, 1 out of 3 CEUs in something specific to wastewater treatment. Comments were as follows:

- Technically Oriented/Process Related
- It is our (committee) responsibility to outline what is necessary to maintain a competent operator and not to set limits low so that everyone can achieve.

Exams

Report:

February 2002 exam statistics –

Grp OIT/I	35 examinees	80% passed
Grp II	23 examinees	87% passed
Grp III	16 examinees	62% passed
Grp IV	9 examinees	89% passed

Jill Parker will draft a letter to ABC with comments and suggestions for the Formula/Conversion Sheet currently used to take the ABC exams.

Tammie will send a copy of the letter to committee members.

Program Policies

Policies reviewed and updated November 2001.

Discussed possible new policies regarding:

Operator experience requirement - Committee recommended that with regard to the operation experience requirement to become certified, one calendar year of routine performance of duties should be equal to one year experience. Not fair or necessary to count hours.

Adjustment to the professional growth requirement – To Dos...

- * Jill will get the “Operator Need to Know Criteria” to Tammie.
- * Tammie will make sure it is current and will get current operator need to know to Frank and Tim.
- * Frank and Tim will talk to other operators and will meet to put a draft proposal and will get the draft to Tammie by July 1, 2002.
- * Tammie will forward the draft to all committee members for decision at next meeting.

Reading exam to examinee – Committee recommended that we contact the AG office for advice with regard to ADA requirements. Need a policy.

Infrastructure Safety

EPA Website – www.epa.gov/safewater/security/#top

Roundtable

Jill Parker informed the committee that there is a link to a survey on preparedness on the Evergreen Rural Water website at erwow.org

Next Meeting

November 13th in Lacey,